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SUBJ: STATUS OF ARGENTINE DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS
SATELLITE

1. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING
INFORMATION TO MR. JIM CHORAK, PRESIDENT, HUGHES
DO BRASIL, RUA MIGHEL COUTO 105, SALA 1312, RIO
DE JANEIRO, IN REPLY TO HIS TELEPHONE CALL OF
NOV 14 TO COMMERCIAL SECTION THIS EMBASSY:

2. INTERMINISTERIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED EARLY THIS YEAR
TO EVALUATE DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE PROJECT
RECENTLY ISSUED REPORT RECOMMENDING AGAINST PROJECT
HOWEVER, SOME OF THE REASONS GIVEN BY THE COMMISSION
FOR ITS NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION DO NOT APPEAR TO BE
VALID. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SATELLITE
PROGRAM PLAN TO MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO HAVE PROJECT
REOPENED.

3. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS MOST INTERESTED IN REOPENING
THE CASE IS ING. JAIME ROZENBLUM, ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE
FOR A NUMBER OF U.S. COMPANIES IN ELECTRONICS AND
AEROSPACE, INCLUDING HUGHES INTERNATIONAL OF CULVER
CITY, CALIFORNIA (BUT NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF
AIRCRAFT DIVISION OF HUGHES TOOL CO.). ING. ROZENBLUM
WILL BE IN LOS ANGELES ON OTHER BUSINESS DEC 4 THROUGH
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6 AND COULD GIVE HUGHES AIRCRAFT AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING

ON THE SITUATION.

4. FYI: IN OUR OPINION, IF U.S. AEROSPACE COMPANIES, INCLUDING HUGHES, HAD PRESSED HARDER TO PROVIDE COMMISSION WITH APPROPROATE INFORMATION, DECISION MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE. THE ONLY U.S. COMPANY WHICH, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, FURNISHED DETAILED INFORMATION WAS COMSAT INTERNATIONAL. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE PART OF VALUE OF THIS WAS LOST BECAUSE COMSAT SENT HEAVEY PARCELS BY AIR MAIL ADDRESSED TO COMMERCIAL ATTACHE BY NAME AT POUCH ADDRESS. POUCH ROOM SUPERVISO APPARENTLY ASSUMED THEY WERE PERSONAL ARTICLES, AND, DESPITE PAYMENT OF AIR MAIL POSTAGE, THEY WERE SENT BY SURFACE MAIL AND TOOK ABOUT 3 MONTHS TO ARRIVE. MONTLLOR

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